



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

February 25, 2005

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending **25-Feb-05** average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	56.00	54.50	46.50	58.50	54.06
Last week	60.00	59.50	51.50	62.50	58.54

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 25-Feb-05:

New York 61-65 Midwest 51-60 California 87

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 21-Feb-05 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	183.9	408.5	158.3	246.2	255.7	1252.6	239.9	1492.5
% change PW	14	2	10	7	3	6	6	6

Breaking Stock 25-Feb-05 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States		Eastern Region	
Nest Run	29-33	M 31-33	26-32	M 28-29
Checks & Undergrades	17-21	M 18-20	15-22	M 16-20

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **19-Feb-05**.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,237,180	30,390	11,764	6,064	2,544	4,324
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,196,713	28,020	11,842	6,423	2,563	4,149
LAST YEAR	1,165,061	27,022	11,468	6,415	2,667	3,977
% CHANGE PWK	3	8	-1	-6	-1	4
% CHANGE LY	6	12	3	-5	-5	9
TO-DATE 2005	8,610,570	205,053	84,516	45,079	20,861	30,346
TO-DATE 2004	8,040,997	187,110	79,042	44,033	19,016	28,525
% CHANGE YTD	7	10	7	2	10	6

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.47 **Previous Week:** 42.14 **Last Year:** 41.96

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.97 **Previous Week:** 38.68 **Last Year:** 38.54

National Liquid Eggs - 25-Feb-05 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
WHOLE	6	31	31.00	-.45
WHITES	16	23-25	24.13	.42
YOLKS	13	42.5-43.5	43.04	.14

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 41 to 46 cents fob with pasteurized whites too few to report.

Frozen Egg Prices - 25-Feb-05 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot				Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern		Central		Eastern		South California ²	
Whole	37-45	M	39-41	39.5-42 M	40-41	47-51	46-49	
Blends ³	TOO FEW	TO	REPORT			56-75	-	
Whites	36-41	M	38-41	39-41		44-49	44-47	
Yolks ⁴								
Sugared	52-57	M	54-57	54-59 M	54-56	60-66	60-63	
Salted	50-55	M	51-54	51-56 M	52	57-62	58-61	

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 25-Feb-05 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.29-1.68	1.40-1.55
YOLKS	1.35-1.55	1.35-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.34-2.60	2.35-2.50
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.33-1.70	1.35-1.45

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 19-Feb-2005

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,277	This week	337	This week	1,614
Last week	1,305	Last week	267	Last week	1,572
Last year	1,291	Last year	229	Last year	1,520
To Date 2005	9,757	To Date 2004	2,232	To Date 2004	11,989
To Date 2004	9,125	To Date 2003	1,821	To Date 2003	10,946

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Feb-05

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	158	0	0	158
Last year /1	146	0	40	186
To date 2005/2	1,091	0	21	1,112
To date 2004	679	0	49	728

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Feb-05

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	171	5	40	216
Last year /1	73	48	40	161
To date 2005/2	1,273	113	160	1,546
To date 2004	696	190	511	1,397

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Feb-05

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	0	400	750	120	750	2,020
Last year /1	0	780	750	1,500	7,200	0	10,230
To date 2005/2	0	0	1,500	4,065	120	750	6,435
To date 2004	50	1,530	4,443	2,280	7,950	0	16,253

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 31-Jan-05
Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,860	975	11,715	3,179	18,729
Previous Month	2,972	1,085	11,443	3,612	19,112
Last year	2,870	1,149	12,423	4,862	21,304
% of Previous Month	96	90	102	88	98
% of Last Year	100	85	94	65	88

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 24-Feb-05

Total All Layers on 01-Feb-05 totaled 348 million, up 3% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Feb-05 averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Feb-05 = 288.5 million, up 3% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Feb-05 averaged 72.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 0% from 01-Feb-04.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Jan-05 totaled 36.8 million, up 4% from Jan-04.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 33.3 million on 01-Feb-05, up 9% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 157,000 during Jan-05, down 4% from Jan-04.

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